

REMARKS

Claims 18-25 and 41-47 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 18, 20-22, 41 and 45-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,150,668 (Bao). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant's invention is directed generally to an organic electroluminescent device. Of interest, Claim 18 has been amended to recite "an interlayer-insulating film disposed between the organic thin-film transistor and the luminescent layer" and "an active layer being disposed between a gate of the organic thin-film transistor and the interlayer-insulating film" in combination with other elements of the claim. By disposing the insulating layer between the luminescent layer and the gate of the transistor, the hebetude or delay of the scanning signal supplied to the transistor is suppressed. Furthermore, this effect is enhanced by disposing the active layer between the insulating layer and the gate.

Bao is similarly directed generally to an organic light-emitting device monolithically integrated with a thin film transistor. However, Bao fails to disclose a device configuration as recited in Applicant's claimed invention. In particular, Bao fails to teach or suggest an active layer of organic material disposed between a gate of the transistor and an insulating film, where the insulating film is disposed between the transistor and the luminescent layer of the organic electroluminescent element. To the


extent that Bao discloses an active layer 240, this layer is not disposed between the gate of the transistor and an insulating layer. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 18, along with claims depending therefrom, defines patentable subject matter over Bao. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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